The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR, on account of whose absence questions relating to his portfolio were postponed, attended the Council by this time and made the following statement :—

"I am sorry, Mr. President, I was not here when the additional or supplementary list of questions was called in. I was urgently called away and I had asked my hon. Colleague, Dr. Subbarayan, to answer them if they were called in before I was able to come. I expected to be back within five or six minutes, but could not do so quickly. I am very sorry and I apologize to you and to the House for not being present when the questions were called in. If any hon. Member wishes to put questions, I am ready to answer."

Supplemental questions to question No. 970.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—" Sir, may I ask the Minister for Public Health whether he has since received the report from the President of the Markapur Taluk Board ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The report was received."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—" May I know whether he has received a report from the District Board President, Kurnool ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No, Sir."

Registration

Location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk.

*971 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the people of Devarapalli and the neighbouring villages have submitted any petition praying for the location of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli, Nidadavole taluk, West Godavari district ; and

(b) whether the District Registrar, West Godavari, recommended the establishment of a Sub-Registrar's office at Devarapalli ; and if so, whether Government propose to give effect to the recommendation ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such proposal has been received by Government.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the Inspector-General of Registration has received the proposal referred to in the question and whether it has been pending with him ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" There is no such proposal now pending with the Government."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the Registrar-General has sent up any such proposal ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know, probably he will be sending, if he has received one."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Number of Agricultural experiment stations in the province.

992 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Agricultural experiment stations there are in the province ;